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blamed the fox for the theft of the honey?
Scranton, Pa.

F. W. BRADY.

[You do not say whether the bees who took that honey were the same ones who had supplied it in the first place. It might have come from another hive. Don't you think that, if the bees could accuse the fox of stealing the honey, they might also have noticed that he was caged? If bees always tried to sting to death those who deprive them of some of their honey, some of us would probably have been stung to death by this time.

Laying jokes aside, it is quite probable that there was some dispute among the bees of several hives upon the carrying away of that honey. This is usually the case. Then, angry behavior and fights being the result the restless fox was attacked as would have been other hairy, living creatures close at hand. At a time of robbing, we have seen the bees of very peaceable colonies attack men and beasts at quite a distance. That is another argument against ever exposing any sweets in reach of the bees in times of scarcity. Fighting for exposed sweets renders them uncommonly irritable.—EDITOR.]

Carniolans All Right

Attached is photograph of one of my Carniolan colonies. Please note in the Bee Journal of October, 1912, on page 311, I made inquiry about larger hives, and the advice I got from your valuable Journal shows the result this year. The colony in the photo-



210 POUNDS OF COMB HONEY WERE PRODUCED BY THIS COLONY THIS SEASON.

graph has made 210 pounds of comb honey this season. I can show you several colonies of these bees that did fine this year. We had a very short honey flow this summer. It was the severest dry weather I have ever seen. My Italian colonies did not get half the honey that the Carniolans did, and they say the Carniolans are swarming bees. In my estimation they are no worse than any others if rightly managed. Please note the way I am dressed, when working among my bees. It shows their gentleness.

They work on red clover as well as any Italian bee, and they gather very little propolis and cap their honey nice and white. The Carniolan bee has come to stay in my apiary.

EDWARD V. MAREK.
Peoria, Ill., Sept. 16.

Good Report from California

I have finished extracting, and took a little over 9000 pounds from 102 colonies, spring count, and increased to 156 good, strong colonies, and they all had at least 30 pounds of honey; many of them with as much as 35 pounds. Many thanks for your instructions.

My honey for 1912 averaged 86 pounds of extracted per colony; 1012, 80; 1013, 90.

This is away over the average of this section of the country. I am sending you, under separate cover, a little bunch of *Polygonum bolanderi*. It begins to bloom about Aug. 10. I have seen bees working on it Nov. 4. They are working on it today with as much vim as they worked on alfalfa or white clover any time this summer. They usually store from 20 to 40 pounds of honey from this plant per colony. It just puts them into winter quarters in the best of shape. Lots of my bees have as much as three frames of brood now. This little weed grows on the upland and in rocky out-croppings on land that is almost useless. It is a member of the buckwheat family. There are hundreds of acres of it near here, and in many places the ground is just covered with it.

W. A. GRIDLEY.
Edgewood, Calif., Oct. 8.

Dry in Kansas

This has been the driest season Kansas ever saw, and the bees have not stored much honey. They started out well, but the hot winds dried up the flowers, and I had to begin feeding Sept. 1, but soon after rains came and vegetation sprang up like magic, and now they are working well on

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smartweed, dandelion, straggling sweet clover and other like flowers.

I had 30 colonies, spring count, and increased to 50, and they will go into winter in fair condition.

W. L. POWELL.
Arkansas City, Kan., Oct. 10.

1200 Pounds form 18 Colonies

My honey crop was fairly good this season. I had 18 colonies, spring count, increased to 19, and produced 1200 pounds of extracted honey.

F. A. WICKLEIN.

Percy, Ill., Oct. 7.

In Fine Shape in Kansas

I have 11 colonies to go into winter, 9 of which are strong with full brood-chambers, and I am leaving a full super of honey on each of them, to make sure that they have plenty of stores. The other 2 colonies are young ones of this year; one a fairly early one with a full brood-chamber; the other one was a late one, July, and has a fairly good supply of honey, but I expect to place for each of these a supply in supers on the hives.

I winter my bees out-of-doors in a shed, and wrap the hives well with burlap, and the tops with tar felt. The 9 original colonies have put an average of 100 pounds to the colony into the supers this season; but only one swarmed.

W. D. STAMBAUGH.

Richfield, Nebr.

[We would advise you to remove the combs of honey from the supers for winter, and fill the empty super with forest leaves or some other good packing material. With full brood-chambers the colonies will have plenty of honey to last until spring. Early in the spring you could replace the full super combs, one by one if the colonies needed them.—EDITOR.]

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